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[redacted] tells me that Bob Woodward told him last night (23 April) that he, Woodward, has been told that a group of cabinet officers met with you and asked you to identify the big issues facing the nation. You allegedly pushed a big pile of NIEs at the group and said, "There they are." Woodward interprets this alleged event as further evidence of a disconnect between the intelligence and policy making communities. Priorities for intelligence are not sorted out by the policy makers.

Woodward touched on this topic during his interview with Gates, and Bob addressed it from his perspective.

If Woodward has his facts wrong or has this event out of context, I think we should enlighten him. Please let me know if you want me to take this on.

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